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**AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 22 September 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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12-17-03 Margaret M. Crosby  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 of this paper and include one replacement sheet. The replacement sheet is attached following page 28 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.